

# CABLE IS IN DANGER

Marconi's System May Beat It.

## WHAT HEPBURN BELIEVES

No Use Spending Money on a Cable Which Marconi's Flash May Supersede.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Signor Marconi's proposition to flash messages without wires between Europe and America may prevent the passage of the bill for a Pacific cable. Chairman Hepburn, of the House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, who reported a Pacific cable bill in the last session of Congress, said: "What is the use of putting \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 under the ocean in a cable plant if an invention has been perfected that will render all submarine cables useless?" The advocates of a cable bill will push it early in the session. Its chances will be further complicated, however, by the differences of opinion between those who favor a subsidized cable and those who favor construction by the Government.

## OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINESE

United States Will Not Take Part in Punitive Expeditions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: No opposition will be made by this Government against punitive expeditions in China of other nations. This decision was reached at the meeting of the Cabinet when Secretary Hay brought forward a dispatch received through Wu Ting Fang, from the viceroys of Southern China, appealing to this Government to use its influence to prevent the despatch of a punitive expedition to the province of Shan-shi. The authorities will not permit American troops to attack peaceful Chinese, and it is believed that the attitude of this Government will have a good effect upon Europe. Secretary Hay received word that in compliance with the instructions sent him on Tuesday, Minister Conger has begun negotiations to secure modification of the demands upon China adopted by the foreign diplomats.

## FRANCE AND CHRISTIANS

PARIS, Dec. 1.—At a meeting of the Cabinet this morning the Minister, M. Del Casse, announced that the Christians had re-entered the towns they formerly inhabited in the province of Canton, district of Shun Tak, and escorted by French artillery and Chinese troops. Official notices had been posted in the villages, requesting the populations not to disturb the Christians, and announcing penalties for further outrages. The Chinese authorities have been notified that they will be dismissed and their goods confiscated in case of renewed trouble. The Chinese who are known to have been guilty of murder will be executed in the presence of the French troops.

## SUGAR TRUST ADVANCES PRICES

An Encouraging Outlook for the Staple Industry of Hawaii.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Sugar—Raw, steady; centrifugal 96 test, 4 7/16c; molasses sugar, 3 11/16c. Refined—Steady; crushed, 6c; powdered, 5.70c; granulated, 5.60c.

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## THE ISLE OF PINES.

Cuba Objects to Letting America Have It.

HAVANA, Nov. 28.—With reference to the suggestion that the United States will claim the Isle of Pines, the Discussion says: It is either a canard or a feeler. If the latter, then it is unworthy of the United States. To attempt such a rapacious robbery would be brutal aggression. If Cuba is to be free, so ought the Isle of Pines to be. Cuba should be regarded as a whole. The Isle of Pines has always been considered a part of Cuba and has been under the government of the province of Havana. The people there were allowed to vote at the election, and the Spaniards there had the privilege of inscribing in connection with the declaration of nationality.

## KAWAILANI ASHORE.

The little Island schooner Kawaihine, owned by Sing Chong & Company, went on the reef near Mokoli rock last Thursday. Captain Moses was in command. The crew consisted of Japanese. The captain was very unwell when he left this port on the last trip and he asked to be excused from taking the craft out.

General Ragan may be restored to his former position in the army.

## NEWS OF WORLD CONDENSED

General Willard died at Paris.

Teachers' jealousy throughout California deplores the Ross incident.

Prince Alexander Invernizzi, Governor General of Warsaw, is dead.

There were twenty-four cases of smallpox in New York, November 28.

Monks in Hungary were whipped by a mob of men and women.

Eleven Egyptian deposits have been discovered on Chingai Island, near Japan.

Rear Admiral Frederick V. McNair, U. S. N., died of apoplexy on November 28.

James Siorah, formerly of Seattle, will be hanged in Dawson March 1st for murder.

The Industrial Trades Union organized last spring in Chicago has been disbanded.

Flour is being rushed into Siberia in anticipation of the 50 per cent increase in duty.

David Whitney, Jr., the Detroit millionaire lumberman and vessel-owner, is dead.

Baron Speck von Sternberg will marry an American, Miss Lillian May Langham.

Several Dawson merchants have been arrested on a charge of selling bad provisions.

R. W. Calderhead was the first man to come out over the ice this season from Dawson.

The President and Speaker Henderson had an extended private conference November 28.

The Yellow Aster mining suit has been compromised and the defendants will get \$14,500.

The Fagis-Lipton horse sale in New York brought high prices. Astell was sold for nearly \$15,000.

The Northern Pacific Railroad has decided to substitute the telephone for the present telegraph system.

Mrs. Emma Van Liew of Ohio, who murdered Alice Hummel, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Prince Munster von Dornburg, the German Ambassador at Paris, has resigned owing to his advanced age.

Five Americans were saved by friendly Yaqui Indians when threatened with death by Mexicans in Guaymas.

John Gibson of Cattleburg, Kentucky, tortured his little stepdaughter to death with a red hot poker.

Pulmon, Ky., was visited on December 1 by a fire which destroyed twenty establishments and caused a loss of \$250,000.

A Kern county Indian child is believed to have been made a human sacrifice at an Indian dance given by the Putes.

A fierce blizzard swept St. Johns, N. B., November 28. Snowdrifts blocked the trains and no shipping left the harbor.

No proposition has come to the United States Government from Turkey looking to the payment of the missionary claims.

The American Sheet Steel Company has advanced \$2 a ton on black sheets with a corresponding advance in galvanized.

Eugene Brooks and W. W. Malby, the Zionites charged with the death of Malby's 6-year-old son, were liberated on bail.

Arrangements for the meeting between Gus Ruhlman and Peter Maher were concluded in New York city, November 28.

George L. Watson, the designer of Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock, is jealously guarding the facts about the new yacht.

The slaughter of foxes and other fur-bearing animals of Alaska during the past three years threatens the species with extinction.

It is said that Germany has notified the United States of her willingness to waive the demand for the execution of the Chinese officials.

Poll taxes of \$3 a head will be attempted to be collected in British Columbia from employers of the 6,000 Japanese employed there.

Phillips brought his big corn operation in Chicago, November 28, to a close. His profits are believed to be in the hundred thousands.

Daniel Macaloe, editor of the Ulster Examiner and a member of the House of Commons for the North Monaghan division, is dead.

Captain Myers of the ship Lawrence had to call upon police protection in Tacoma November 28 in order to get away with his non-union men.

Maud Sothers walked from San Francisco to Santa Barbara in order to be cured of a cancer in her mouth which was giving her untold misery.

Commodore Drake has been detached from duty at Mare Island Navy Yard and ordered to take command of the Culebra on the Asiatic station.

The Republicans will have a two-thirds majority of each branch of the Legislature in Washington State, making it possible to pass bills over the Governor's veto.

The Carmack divorce suit was stricken from the Holstetter Superior Court calendar November 28. Mrs. Carmack said she did not know what she was doing when she filed suit.

A cable to the New York Sun from Peking says: It was announced November 28 that Russia would surrender the railroad from Shan Hai Kwan to Tien-Tsin to the Germans.

A college company from the University of California are going on the road with a play called "James Wobbert, Freshman." The venture is the first ever attempted by Berkeley.

An escaped lunatic stood at the head of the class in the municipal civil service examination at Racine, Wisconsin. He was returned to the lunatic asylum where his name became known.

Oliverson, a Swede, formerly associate of the High Court, and Gram, a Norwegian, formerly a Minister of State, have been appointed members of the International Court at The Hague.

The Royal Society of London announced November 30 that the projected national Antarctic expedition would start next autumn. The vessel will be named Discovery and has been begun at Dundee.

Officials of the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company asked the Governor of Texas on November 30 for protection. The appeal is the result of the riot between telephone strikers and electrical workers.

The award of the Swiss Government in the Franco-Brazilian boundary dispute gives Brazil 147,000,000 square miles of the contested territory. France gets about 3,000 square miles north of the Tumuc Humac range.

The Philippine Commission has passed an order requiring banks to accept deposits whether in Mexican or in local currency and to honor checks in the currency in which the deposits against which they are drawn were made.

From Paris comes the report that the General Council of the Seine on November 28, unanimously adopted a resolution that the French Government should take the initiative in an endeavor to bring about an arbitration of the issues between Great Britain and the Boers.

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